

Exchange

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MEMORANDUM OF Zaroubin-Lacy Conversation of 9 September 1957

The Soviet Ambassador called at his request at 12:00 noon, September 9, 1957. He handed me the attached Aide-Memoire, asking the Department of State to assist in the matter of despatching to the United States of Soviet specialists in certain industrial and scientific fields for a stay of from three to six months.

I asked Ambassador Zaroubin if his Government would grant reciprocity to American specialists in analogous fields. Zaroubin replied affirmatively. Having told Zaroubin that this was an interesting proposal, and one which I personally regarded favorably, I pointed out that as a practical matter it would be necessary for the Department to approach each of the American industries involved since they would be required to assume the responsibilities involved in the reception and care of the Soviet specialists identified in the note. Zaroubin said he understood. Zaroubin then volunteered the suggestion that his proposal might be dealt with item by item rather than as a whole. I agreed.

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In answer to my questions, Zaroubin said that he thought that his Government would agree to the exchange of woman doctors, that he did not know what his Government might do in respect of the Radio-TV exchange, and that he would query his Government as to the status of Governor Robertson's projected exchange of bankers and financial economists.

Zaroubin asked for an explanation of the amended Immigration and Nationality Act as it pertains to fingerprinting. I explained the responsibilities of the Department of State and the Department of Justice in issuing regulations pursuant to the action of the Congress. He said he understood and assumed that it would be possible for the United States to accept the Bolshoi Ballet. I said that in the absence of regulations still forthcoming, I could not say, but I thought that it would be possible for the Bolshoi to come to the United States.

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